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## **Grand jury indicts 2 for bank robberies**

A federal grand jury issued separate indictments this week against two men in connection with three bank robberies in the southeast Twin Cities metro area, including two that occurred at the same bank on the same day.

Samuel Patrick Sutton, 35, unknown address, was charged Dec. 18 with one count of bank robbery. His indictment alleges that on Nov. 13, 2007, he did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$3,182 from a bank teller at the TCF Bank, located at the Cub Foods store in West St. Paul.

If convicted, Sutton faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the West St. Paul Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Dees.

In a separate indictment also filed on Dec. 18, Jeffrey Furtney, 35, unknown address, was charged with two counts of bank robbery. His indictment alleges that on Oct. 15, 2007, Furtney did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$8,950 from a bank teller at the Guaranty Bank in Inver Grove Heights.

The indictment also alleges that on Nov. 13, 2007, Furtney used force, violence and intimidation to take approximately \$4,320 from the TCF Bank, located at the Cub Foods store in West St. Paul.

If convicted, Furtney faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on the first robbery charge and 25 years on the second charge. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the police departments of Inver Grove Heights and West St. Paul, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.